GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department -– Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri T.S.V. Ratnam, AEO & CRPO (Retd.), APHB – Punishment imposed - Appeal filed – Appeal allowed partially –Reduction of penalty from 10% pension cut permanently to 10% pension cut for a period of five (5) years – Orders – Issued.

-MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 34 **Dated: 03-03-2025**

Read the following: -

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc. No.10/RE-CR.1/2001, dated.02.08.2002.
2. G.O.Ms.No.158, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II) Dept., dated 16.05.2018.
3. Appeal petition dated 09.09.2019 from Sri T.S.V. Ratnam, AEO & CRPO(Retd.), APHB
4. Report from the Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, APHB, Vijayawada, Lr.no.76/AE/Vig/APHB/2017, dated 13.02.2023.
5. Representation dated 02.06.2023 from Sri T.S.V. Ratnam, AEO & CRPO (Retd.), APHB.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad has conducted detailed enquiry into the allegations against the Executive Engineer and Assistant Estate Officer, A.P. Housing Board, Central Division, Hyderabad and recommended to initiate Departmental action in respect of Sri T.S.V.Ratnam, the then AEO and two (2) others for committing irregularities in collection of bid amount and rental arrears from the tenants of M2 Block of APHB at M.J. Road, Nampally, Hyderabad.

2. Accordingly, after following due procedure, orders were issued, in the reference 2nd read above, imposing a penalty of 10% cut in pension permanently against Sri T.S.V. Ratnam, AEO (Retd), A.P. Housing Board in terms of Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

3. Aggrieved by the above punishment orders, in reference 3rd read above, Sri T.S.V. Ratnam submitted an appeal petition dated 09.09.2019, requesting the Government to reconsider the penalty. He sought expungement of the punishment, citing no loss to the Government and no justification for the penalty.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner (VC&HC), APHB, Vijayawada had recommended to consider the appeal favorably as there was no justification for fixing responsibility on the officer and no financial loss to the AP Housing Board was established.

5. Meanwhile, Sri T.S.V. Ratnam filed a further review petition in the reference 5th read above, reiterating his earlier submissions and requested the Government to set aside the punishment. He emphasized the absence of any proven loss to the Government.

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6. After careful examination of the matter, and the submissions of the charged officer, the Government have decided to partially allow the appeal petition of Sri T.S.V. Ratnam, AEO & CRPO (Retd.), APHB and to reduce the punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently already imposed to that of "10% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years" against the charged officer. Accordingly, Government hereby order to reduce the punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently already imposed to that of "10% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years" against the charged officer Sri T.S.V. Ratnam, AEO & CRPO (Retd.), APHB."

7. The Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, APHB, Vijayawada, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri T.S.V. Ratnam, AEO & CRPO (Retd.), APHB., - through the Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, APHB, Vijayawada
The Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, APHB, Vijayawada.
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The Pay & Accounts Officer, Vijayawada.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER.